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1. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS WAS DIRECTED
AT DETERMINING TACTICS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN
ITS VARIOUSASPECTS AT THE UNGA, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AND AT
BELGRADE. UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS WAS NOT

DISCUSSED. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED ON THEIR CYPRUS TACTICS IN THE FORA DISCUSSED IN PARAS 2-4 BELOW.

2. UNGA. THE NINE'S BASIC POSITION ON CYPRUS REMAINS THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT THE BEST TACTICAL SOLUTION WOULD BE TO REPEAT LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURES, I.E. TO HAVE THE CYPRUS QUESTION CONSIDERED BY THE PLENARY, WHILE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS CAN FIND A FORUM IN WHICH TO EXPRESS THEIR POINT OF VIEW IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMISSION. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED NOT RPT NOT TO TELL THE GREEK, TURKISH OR CYPRIOT GOVERNMENTS THAT THE EC POSITION WOULD BE THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST YEAR, OR AT ANY RATE TO TELL THEM AS LATE AS POSSIBLE.

3. COUNCIL OF EUROPE. THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AGAINST TURKEY FOR THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS HAS REACHED THE STAGE WHERE THERE SHOULD BE A DISCUSSION OF THE COMPLAINT AT EITHER THE MINISTERIAL OR DEPUTY LEVEL. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED TO EXAMINE A FRENCH PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT HAVE THE MINISTERS MAKE A "SHORT, GENERAL, NEUTRAL, NON-COMMITTAL COMMENT IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURALLY." THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE (WHICH WAS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED) APPEARED TO BE TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURALLY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. A FINAL DECISION ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WILL BE TAKEN IN THE "NEXT FEW WEEKS" AFTER CERTAIN LEGAL QUESTIONS ARE DISCUSSED BY THE PRESIDENCY WITH FRANCE
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AND AFTER THE PRESIDENCY AGAIN TOUCHES BASE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE.

4. BELGRADE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE CERTAIN THAT CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES ON THE NON-REPRESENTATIVE NATURE OF THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT AND ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE TURKISH ZONE CANNOT BE ENTIRELY AVOIDED AT BELGRADE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DIRECTED THE PRESIDENCY TO CONTACT ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO SUGGEST A "LOW-KEY" HANDLING OF CYPRUS AT BELGRADE. ARGUMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENCY WILL INCLUDE THAT AS THE CYPRUS QUESTION IS UNDER DISCUSSION ELSEWHERE (I.E. AT THE UN AND AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE) IT SHOULD NOT BE GONE INTO IN DETAIL AT BELGRADE AND FURTHER THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID AN INTRA-NATO DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AT BELGRADE.

5. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONCLUDED THEIR CYPRUS DISCUSSION BY DECIDING THAT NO PROGRESS APPEARED POSSIBLE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY ELECTIONS AND BY NOTING THAT THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION AGREED IN ALL IMPORTANT ELEMENTS WITH THAT FURNISHED BY STATE (REFTEL C) AT THE PRESIDENCY'S REQUEST.

6. FYI: MALTA, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT

THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING (REFTEL A) WAS NOT DISCUSSED.
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